

## County Report

# Restrictions for Auto Salvage Yards Studied

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Unsanitary automobile junk and salvage may undergo massive facelifts and beautification if laws pending before the Board of Supervisors are approved.

Public hearings on the amendments to zoning codes which govern salvage yards have been set for Thursday, Oct. 31. Both viewpoints will be taken under consideration by Supervisors before any votes are cast.

The amendments, which were recommended by the Regional Planning Commission after study, would establish tighter restrictions over auto dismantling and salvage businesses. Certain development requirements are proposed, as are a few operational changes.

MOST importantly, the code amendments would require yard operators to fence or wall in their lots

so that the distasteful sight of wrecked cars in various states of disrepair are kept from public view.

Wall materials are specified so that they will be feasible for the yard operator as well as compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. Exterior landscaping and its maintenance also are stipulated in the proposal.

In addition, walls will be

between 8 and 15 feet high and no materials such as old cars or parts of cars can be stacked higher than the walls. Operators would be required to "black top" the interiors, so that dirt and debris is not tracked out onto public roads.

ANOTHER important phase of the proposed law change is the requirement

that operators conduct all business inside the perimeters of the walls. This means torn-down autos won't be parked in front or alongside the salvage yards.

These standards, if approved, would improve the exterior looks of the yards and make them more acceptable to their neighboring community. In addition, prop-

erty values would increase and benefit all.

Yard operators would be given ample time to pave their lots, erect the walls and to meet the other requirements. And, in the long run, they would benefit in terms of increased property values as well as better community relations.

I BELIEVE such impro-

ved standards for this industry are long over-due. If approved the code amendments would make the auto salvage industry a much more valuable business asset to its community.

I am, of course, naturally anxious to hear spokesmen from both sides present their views at the public hearing Oct. 31.

## Melville Classic Set For El Camino Stage

The El Camino College annual fall play "Billy Budd" is going into the final stages of preparation, following the selection of the cast for the Herman Melville classic, according to theatre arts instructor William Buck, director for the production.

The play will be presented Friday and Saturday, Nov. 1, 2, and 8 and 9 in the ECC Campus Theater.

Appearing in the play will be Mark Hansen as Billy

Budd, William Snare as John Clagart and Russell Plax as Edward Fairfax Vere.

Also in the cast are Richard Harris as Jenkins, Ward Winans as The Dansker, Tim Dice as Squeak, Taylor Thompson as Philip Michael Seymore; Russell Itzel as Bordman Wyatt, and Michael Waterman as John Ratcliffe.

Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. and tickets are \$2 and \$1.

## Teachers Endorse School Tax

Proposition T, the ballot measure which would continue the Torrance schools' current general purpose tax rate of \$3.30 for another five years, was endorsed this week by the Torrance Education Association, according to Miss Mary Barrett, president.

The measure was unanimously passed by the executive board at its Oct. 3 meeting and unanimously adopted by the representative council.

"Passage of Proposition T is vital if Torrance wishes to provide quality education for all students," Miss Barrett said.

The proposition, which will be voted on at the Nov. 5 election, will not raise taxes, she stated, but will merely keep the current tax ceiling in effect after next June.

## Vilarino To Direct Campaign

Joe Vilarino has been named Riviera chairman of the Nixon for President Committee of the Southwest Area.

Vilarino's appointment was announced by Georg Babbe, Palos Verdes Estates, area chairman.

Vilarino, who operates a television sales and service business in the Riviera area, has been active in Republican precinct work, victory squad work, and in the campaign for Lt. Gov. Robert H. Finch in 1966.

A resident of Manhattan Beach, Vilarino is active in Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife, Marian, have three sons.

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